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1. FIVE LEADERS OF THE FRG YOUNG SOCIALISTS (JUSOS), FOLLOWING A UNIQUE CHANGE IN JUSO POLICY, ATTENDED AN EXTENSIVE AND SUBSTANTIVE TWO-DAY USIS ARRANGED BRIEFING SESSION IN BRUSSELS AT NATO AND THE EC. THE PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED DR. JOHANO STRASSER, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE JUSO EXECUTIVE BOARD, KARSTEN VOIGT, FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE JUSO EXECUTIVE BOARD AND PRESENTLY AN ADVISOR TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, FRITZ ROLL, MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD'S WORKING GROUP ON SECURITY PROBLEMS AND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, INTERNATIONAL UNION OF SOCIALIST YOUTH' MANFRED ROHDE, MEMBER OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SECURITY PROBLEMS AND RAIMUND SEIDELMANN, MEMBER OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SECURITY PROBLEMS. THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE JUSO EXECUTIVE BOARD, HEIDEMARIE WIECZOREK-ZEUL, ALTHOUGH SCHEDULED TO PARTICIPATE, COULD NOT ATTEND DUE TO ILLNESS.

2. THE BRIEFINGS ARRANGED BY USNATO AND USEC WERE EXCEPTIONALLY SUBSTANTIVE AND SOLID. USNATO ARRANGED MEETINGS WITH TWO ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERALS, THE GENERAL IN CHARGE OF NATO'S MILITARY STAFF, THE U.S. MISSION'S DCM AND POLAD, AS WELL AS THE FRG AMBASSADOR TO NATO. USEC ORGANIZED A THREE-HOUR SESSION WITH EC EXPERTS ON POLITICAL, TRADE AND TARIFF QUESTIONS, ARRANGED FOR USEC'S DCM AND POLITICAL COUNSELOR TO MEET WITH THE JUSOS AND CAPPED THE JUSO VISIT WITH TALKS AT THE GERMAN DELEGATION TO THE EC.

3. THE INTERESTS OF THE JUSOS WERE REFLECTED IN THEIR QUESTIONS. THEY BROACHED TOPICS DEALING WITH THE NON-MILITARY WORK OF NATO, THE INFLUENCE OF POLITICAL PRESSURES IN MAKING ECONOMIC DECISIONS AND VICE VERSA, EAST-WEST TRADE AND ITS INFLUENCE ON NATO AND THE EC PARTNERS, THE IMPORTANCE OF THE GERMAN PARTICIPATION IN NATO, THE PROBLEM OF NATIONAL CONTROL OF NATO FORCES, FLEXIBLE RESPONSE' DEPENDENCE OF NATO ON THE U.S., MBFR, CSCE AND SALT, THE BASIC NATO MISSION, INVOLVEMENT OF NATIONAL GROUPS IN THE DEFENSE PLANNING PROCESS, ENERGY SUPPLY AND RECYCLING PETRODOLLARS, NATO AND EC

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SUPPORT FOR PORTUGAL, CLOSE U.S.-FRG RELATIONS AS A PROBLEM IN FRG-EUROPEAN RELATIONS' U.S. INTEREST IN EUROPEAN INTEGRATION, EC POLICY TOWARD COMECON, THE U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE STUDY ON CO-DETERMINATION, THE U.S. POSITION ON THE PRESENT GOVERNMENTS OF PORTUGAL AND GREECE AND THE VIABILITY OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WITHOUT PARTICIPATION OF THE ITALIAN CP.

4. THE QUESTIONS AT ALL TIMES WERE GENUINE EFFORTS TO ELICIT INFORMATION. THE JUSOS' REACTION TO THE BRIEFING VISIT IS BEST SUMMED UP BY A REMARK MADE BY STRASSER WHO SAID "WE CAME TO GET INFORMATION. WE GOT IT AND FEEL THE TIME WAS WELL SPENT. WE LEARNED QUITE A LOT." KARSTEN VOIGT AGREED, AS DID THE OTHER THREE PARTICIPANTS. VOIGT ADDED THAT THE BRIEFINGS GAVE VALUABLE INSIGHTS INTO HOW POLICY DECISIONS ARE MADE AT BOTH NATO AND THE EC, SINCE BRIEFERS WERE HIGH LEVEL, AUTHORITY AND FRANK IN THEIR PRESENTATIONS AND RESPONSES.

5. TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE WHICH THE JUSOS ATTACHED TO THIS VISIT, STRASSER REITERATED ON A NUMBER OF

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OCCASIONS HIS UNHAPPINESS THAT HEIDEMARIE WIECZOREK-ZEUL
WAS NOT ABLE TO PARTICIPATE. HE ALSO ASKED IF IT COULD
BE ARRANGED THAT SHE VISITS BRUSSELS EITHER IN MAY OR
JUNE, WITH MEMBERS OF THE NEW, SOON-TO-BE-ELECTED
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE JUSOS. HE WAS TOLD THAT WE WILL
TRY TO ARRANGE IT AND THAT WE WILL STAY IN CONTACT WITH
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THE JUSOS ON THIS MATTER.

6. COMMENT: THE JUSO VISIT TO BRUSSELS WAS EXCEEDING-
LY SUCCESSFUL. THE MAIN REASON WAS THAT BOTH USEC AND
USNATO WERE ABLE TO PROVIDE FIRST-RATE PROGRAMS. BUT
STRASSER ALSO SAID THAT THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS
INTERRELATED DEFENSE, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC TOPICS
IN A WELL ORGANIZED, COMPACT TIME FRAME WITH EXPERTS
WHO MIGHT OTHERWISE BE UNAPPROACHABLE, WAS INVALUABLE.
THE GERMAN DELEGATIONS TO NATO AND EC APPARENTLY FELT
THE SAME. THE FRG DELEGATION TO THE EC
ENTERTAINED THE JUSOS ON THE ONLY FREE EVENING AVAIL-
ABLE, WHILE THE GERMAN NATO DELEGATION ARRANGED FOR
THEIR AMBASSADOR TO SEE THEM DESPITE THE FACT THAT HE
WAS ILL. AND ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GERMAN DELEGA-
TION TO NATO SAID THAT THE JUSOS' VISIT TO BRUSSELS WAS
A MOST USEFUL AND REMARKABLE EVENT WHICH ONLY THE
AMERICANS COULD HAVE BROUGHT OFF.
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